**Creating Banners for your Blackboard page**

* To change the color of your buttons (content areas), select Settings, then Course Design.
* To add a banner, select Course Banner. ***You must already have a banner saved on your computer to upload a banner to Blackboard***. You can make a banner for free on the Internet.

1. Go to <http://flamingtext.com/net-fu/forms/banner.html>
2. Click on the link that says More Options next to "Set your name on fire."
3. Follow the instructions to create your banner (no apostrophes or !'s).
4. Click on Create a Banner button when finished selecting your options.
5. When your banner appears do one of the following.
   * **PC** - Right Click on the banner and select Save Picture As.
   * **MAC** – Hold the mouse button down (or do a control-click) on the banner until the menu appears then select Save As.
6. Save the image in a location that you will easily find. (ie. Your Desktop)
7. Now go to your Blackboard course’s control panel and select Course Design then Course Banner.
8. Click on the Browse button and locate the banner file that you just saved.
9. Highlight it and click on the Open button.
10. Save your banner by selecting Submit.

**Free Banner Sites**

* [Flaming Text](http://www.flamingtext.com)
  + Fun choices
  + Some animation
* [Media Builder Text Maker](http://www.3dtextmaker.com/) (no apostrophes, !’s ok!)
  + Solid color on a white background
  + Many font types to choose from
  + Animations
  + Size of Font = size of banner
* [Instant Online Banner Creator](http://www.crecon.com/banners.html)
  + Not many options